



**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Arlington Storage Company, LLC

Docket No. CP13-83-000

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED  
GALLERY 2 EXPANSION PROJECT**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Gallery 2 Expansion Project, proposed by Arlington Storage Company, LLC (Arlington) in the above-referenced docket. Arlington requests authorization to convert two existing salt caverns, known as Gallery 2, to natural gas storage at its Seneca Lake Storage facility in Schuyler County, New York. The conversion of the Gallery 2 caverns to natural gas storage would add 0.55 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of working gas capacity, and 0.20 Bcf of base gas capacity to the Seneca Lake Storage facility, increasing the total working gas capacity from 1.45 Bcf to 2.0 Bcf.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Gallery 2 Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

In addition to the two existing salt caverns previously used for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage, the proposed Gallery 2 Expansion Project includes the following facilities:

- approximately 500 feet of pipeline (170 feet of 16-inch-diameter and 330 feet of 8-inch-diameter pipeline) to connect the Gallery 2 injection/withdrawal wells 30A and 31A to Arlington's existing Seneca Lake 16-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline;
- a 500 horsepower skid-mounted compressor unit;

- use of well no. 45 for debrining and future monitoring of the caverns;
- a temporary brine pump and temporary brine pipelines;
- electric and instrument air lines connecting the Gallery 2 facilities to Arlington's existing Compressor Station; and
- plugging and abandonment of two existing wells (30 and 31) formerly used in the Gallery 2 caverns' brine production and liquefied petroleum gas storage operation.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Public Reference Room  
888 First Street NE, Room 2A  
Washington, DC 20426  
(202) 502-8371

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before **October 15, 2013**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments with the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number CP13-83-000 with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at 202-502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the [eComment](#) feature located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the [eFiling](#) feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “[eRegister](#).” You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing”; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. **Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search,” and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP13-83). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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Dated: September 13, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.